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1. A Soviet border guard unit of about 150 troops with five trucks and five AT guns, allegedly coming from OHRDRUF (M 51/J 15), arrived in the GRUMBACH (M 51/J 61) area. The border guard unit of about 60 men which previously had been stationed in the GRUMBACH area had departed via WURZBACH (M 51/J 71), allegedly going to OHRDRUF.

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2. The following Soviet and German border guard personnel were stationed in the PROBSTZELLA (M 51/J 52) - EFFELDER (L 52/H 79) area in mid-November 1949:

EFFELDER: One Soviet company with black-bordered red epaulets. 40 Soviet Zone German police.

HOENBACH (M 51/J 40): Eight Soviet soldiers wearing black-bordered red epaulets; 40 Soviet Zone German police.

SONNEBERG: (M 51/J 40): One Soviet company with black-bordered red epaulets.

OBERLIND (M 51/O 49): German border police sector headquarters with 30 police.

NEUBAU-SCHIERNITZ (M 51/O 49): Eight Soviet soldiers wearing black-bordered red epaulets; 40 Soviet Zone German police.

HEIMERSDORF (M 51/J 50): Eight Soviet soldiers wearing black bordered red epaulets; 40 Soviet Zone German police.

HASENTHAL (M 51/J 41): 40 Soviet Zone German police.

KALTE KUECHE (three miles SW of GRAEFENTHAL): Eight Soviet soldiers wearing black-bordered red epaulets.

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KOSPELSDORE (L 51/J 40): One Soviet company with black-bordered red epaulets. 30 Soviet Zone German police.

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3. The following Soviet and German border guard personnel was observed in the GLERBOMGEN (L 51/H 66) -VACHA (L 51/H 64) area in mid-November 1949:

GERSTUNGEN: Soviet border sector headquarters with 6 officers and 30 SM. German border police sector headquarters with 1 Polizeikommissar (second lieutenant) and 30 police. German border guard post of 30 police.

UNTERSUHL (L 51/H 66): Soviet border guard post of one NCO and six SM. German border guard post of 30 police.

BERKA (L 51/H 66): German border guard post of 42 police.

DIEBACH (L 51/H 65): Soviet border guard post of one NCO and six SM.

GROSSERODE (L 51/H 56): German border guard post of 16 police.

ABERODA (L 51/H 65): German border guard post of 46 police, quartered in the former German Army ammunition depot.

FRANSEN (L 51/H 65): German border police sector headquarters, commanded by a Polizeikommissar (second lieutenant).

Comment:

- The data on Soviet border guard personnel is considered credible, compared with previous information.
- Apart from the German border police post in ABERODA where no border police unit was known before, the data on the German border police is in agreement with previous information.

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